

(Draft - Awaiting Formal Approval)
MINUTES OF THE
PUBLIC UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY INTERIM COMMITTEE
Wednesday, May 20, 2009 – 8:30 a.m. – Room 20 House Building

Members Present:

Sen. Stephen H. Urquhart, Senate Chair
Rep. Michael E. Noel, House Chair
Sen. Brent H. Goodfellow
Sen. Mark B. Madsen
Rep. Kevin T. Van Tassell
Pres. Michael G. Waddoups
Rep. Roger E. Barrus
Rep. Melvin R. Brown
Rep. Julie Fisher
Rep. Lorie D. Fowlke
Rep. James R. Gowans

Rep. Richard A. Greenwood
Rep. Lynn N. Hemingway
Rep. Christopher N. Herrod
Rep. F. Jay Seegmiller
Rep. Ryan D. Wilcox
Rep. Bradley A. Winn

Staff Present:

Mr. Richard C. North, Policy Analyst
Ms. Victoria Stirling, Associate General Counsel
Ms. Tracey Fredman, Legislative Secretary

Note: A list of others present, a copy of related materials, and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

1. Committee Business

Sen. Van Tassell called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m.

MOTION: Rep. Fisher moved to approve the minutes of the November 19, 2008 meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Sen. Madsen, Sen. Urquhart, Pres. Waddoups, Rep. Fowlke, and Rep. Noel were absent for the vote.

Ms. Stirling distributed and briefly reviewed "Open and Public Meetings Act."

Sen. Van Tassell relinquished the chair to Rep. Noel.

2. Gas Well Development Nine Mile Canyon

Mr. Duane Zavadil, Senior Vice President, Government and Regulatory Affairs, Bill Barrett Corporation, distributed and reviewed "Status of Oil and Natural Gas Public Land Access Issues" and responded to questions from committee members.

3. Uranium Mining

Mr. John Baza, Director, Utah Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining, distributed and presented "Uranium Permitting."

Mr. Harold Roberts, Denison Mines Corporation, briefed committee members on the locations and operation of the Denison Mines.

4. Federal Cap and Trade Proposal Update

Committee staff distributed "Federal Legislation Related to the Climate Change Conversation as of May 19, 2009" and "Information Regarding the American Clean Energy and Security Act (ACES) of 2009 - HR 2454."

Mr. Kimball Rasmussen, President and CEO, Deseret Power, spoke in opposition to federal draft legislation H.R. 2454, "American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009," as currently written. Mr. Rasmussen emphasized the importance of taking the time to thoroughly study the issue so that the decisions reached will not have a negative impact on the economy.

5. Study Item Discussion

Mr. North distributed "2009 PUT - Potential Study Items Draft"

Sen. Urquhart asked committee members to identify items of interest on the list of potential study items and to return it to staff.

6. Other Items / Adjourn

MOTION: Rep. Hemingway moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Rep. Fowlke was absent for the vote.

Chair Noel adjourned the meeting at 10:35 a.m.